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1. On 10 January 1953, the Herrenkrug and the Anger Kaserne quartered 600 to 700 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia, including some with tank insignia. From 1 to 10 January, troops were daily engaged in basic infantry training with small arms in the barracks yard. Small groups received signal training.

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2. On 10 January, the Hindenburg Kaserne at the intersection of Herrenkrug Strasse and Jerichower Strasse, Magdeburg, quartered 400 to 500 troops. Sentries observed wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Mostly infantry training was conducted in the installation between 1 and 10 January.

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3. On 10 January, the Nachrichten Kaserne on the east side of Turmschanzen Strasse and on the south side of Jerichower Strasse and west of Herrenkrug Strasse was occupied by 400 to 500 troops. Sentries wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. From 3 to 10 January, soldiers engaged in aiming practice with 4 T-34/85 tanks, 4 x 75-mm AT guns and 2 x 76-mm field guns.

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4. On 10 January, the Seeckt Kaserne on the east side of Turmschanzen Strasse and on the north side of Brueck Strasse was occupied by 400 to 500 troops. Sentries wore black-bordered black epaulets with engineer insignia. Engineer equipment such as pontoons and bridge building equipment was seen in the barracks yard from 3 to 10 January. Daily routine at the installation predominantly consisted of maintenance duty. Small units up to platoon strength also engaged in drill practice.

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5. On 8 January, the Zuckerbusch Kaserne on Zuckerbusch Strasse quartered about 100 soldiers. Sentries wore black-bordered crimson epaulets and red-bordered black epaulets.

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6. On 10 January, the Flak Kaserne on Thomas Mann Strasse was occupied by 700 to 800 troops. Sentries wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Training activity from 2 to 10 January concentrated on gun drill with 37-mm AA guns and close-order drill. About 100 soldiers practiced with gas masks on 10 January. The garages were occupied almost to capacity mostly by trucks.

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7. On 6 January 1953, the Nachrichten Kaserne was occupied by 900 to 1,000 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets. All quarters were lighted at dusk. Between 3 and 6 January 1953, about 200 troops were observed almost daily engaged in drill in the barracks yard. On 3 January, about 40 soldiers layed field cables toward Herrenkrug. Six antennas with 4 braces were on the barracks building in the southern section of the barracks installation.

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8. On 10 January, the Hindenburg Kaserne was occupied by about 800 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia and black-bordered crimson epaulets. All quarters were lighted at dusk. Eight artillery pieces were observed in the barracks installation from 30 December 1952 until 10 January 1953. Soldiers fell in near the guns for inspection on 3 January. From 100 to 120 soldiers engaged in close-order drill on several days during the period of observation.

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9. On 6 December, the Seeckt Kaserne was occupied by about 350 soldiers who wore black-bordered black epaulets. At dusk, all quarters were lighted. On 28 November, about 15 motor vehicles with pontoons were in the barracks yard.

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11. On 7 January, the Flak Kaserne was occupied to capacity. All quarters were lighted at dusk.

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12. On 3 January, the Encke Kaserne on Beim Strasse was occupied. There was intensive vehicular traffic and traffic of personnel to and from the installation.

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13. On 3 January, the Hindenburg Kaserne was occupied to capacity. Sentries wore red-bordered black epaulets. About 30 soldiers engaged in firing practice on the Grosse Anger just east of the barracks installation.

14. On 13 January, the Nachrichten Kaserne was occupied to capacity. Two JS-1 or JS-2 tanks and a tank hull were seen standing at the barracks gate, while 10 trucks occupied by 12 to 15 men each entered the installation. About 180 soldiers practiced firing on the Grosse Anger.

15. On 20 January 1953, the Seeckt Kaserne was occupied to capacity. Sentries wore blue-bordered black epaulets. There was much activity at the installation.

16. On 20 January, the Anger Kaserne and the Herrenkrug Kaserne were occupied to capacity.

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17. On 16 January, the Flak Kaserne was occupied to capacity. The barracks buildings were lighted at nightfall. On 12 January 1953, 8 to 10 soldiers practiced aiming on 2 x 76-mm AA guns east of the installation, while 60 to 80 soldiers engaged in gun drill with 4 x 37-mm AA guns coupled to trucks in the barracks yard. The same day, at about 9:30 a.m., about 12 soldiers received instruction on an artillery piece in the barracks yard. It was a smooth-bore gun without muzzle brake and a length of about 1.50 meters, of 100-mm to 120-mm caliber, with the barrel low to the ground in horizontal position. The protective shield, 50 x 35 cm, was installed far to the rear and the wheels, which had a diameter of 20 cm, were fixed on a level with the protective shield. the gun was an AT artillery weapon of a similar make as the bazooka. At about 1:30 p.m. on 14 January, a column of 5

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motor vehicles including 4 trucks towing a 37-mm AA gun

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out of the barracks installation. moved

18. On 16 January, the Hindenburg Kaserne was occupied to capacity by a unit whose personnel wore blue-bordered black epaulets. All quarters were lighted at dusk.

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19. On 16 January, the Seeckt Kaserne was occupied to capacity. All quarters were lighted at nightfall. On 6 January, about 15 trucks loaded with pontoons stood under a lean-to roof which was about 3.50 meters high, 6 to 7 meters deep, and took the entire width of the barracks yard. On 15 January, 5 trucks with pontoon followed by a truck with a hoisting gear moved out of the barracks installation toward Lange Bruecke.

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20. On 16 January, the Nachrichten Kaserne was occupied to capacity. Eight soldiers pulled two AT guns from the installation toward Anger where, about 200 meters east of Jerichower Strasse, the guns were emplaced on 30 December. On 15 January, 12 soldiers engaged in physical exercises near the barracks gate.

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21. On 16 January, the Herrenkrug Kaserne was occupied to capacity. All quarters were lighted at nightfall. On 11 January, two tanks were seen east of the installation.

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22. On 16 January, the Encke Kaserne was occupied to capacity. All quarters were lighted at dusk.

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23. On 16 January, the quarters of almost all buildings of the Flek Kaserne were lighted at nightfall. Sentries observed wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. On 16 December, soldiers engaged in gun drill with four 85-mm guns in the barracks yard. The artillery pieces were covered with tarpaulins. On 14 January, about 80 soldiers drilled and aimed with four 76-mm AA guns in the barracks yard.

24. On 16 January, the Seeckt Kaserne was occupied almost to capacity. Sentries wore red-bordered black epaulets. Only a little training activity was observed in the barracks yard.

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25. On 16 January, the Nachrichten Kaserne quartered troops in four of its buildings. Sentries wore red-bordered black epaulets. On 14 January, about 120 soldiers marched from the barracks installation into the terrain between Hindenburg Kaserne and the Margareten Estate. They carried four 82-mm mortars. At the same time, a T-34 tank left toward Biederitzerbusch. At about 11 a.m. on 15 January, about 90 soldiers with several antitank rifles and two 120-mm mortars left the barracks installation.

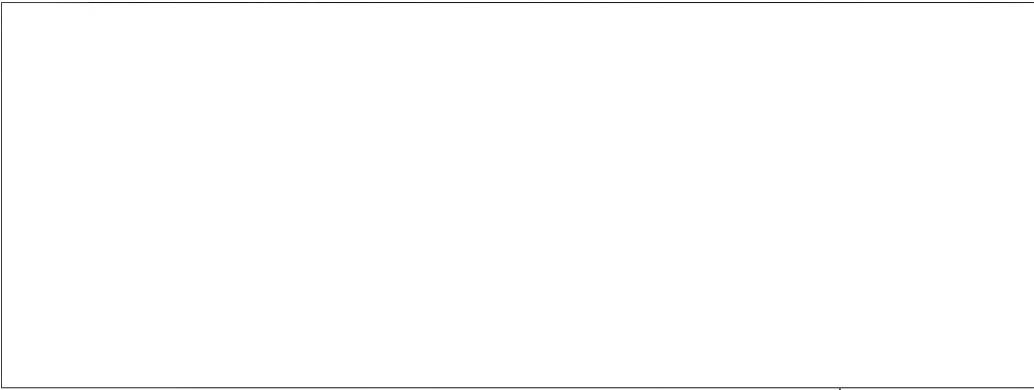
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1.  Comment. The report confirms a previous comment on the occupation of Magdeburg military post and, with regard to the Nachrichten Kaserne, supplements it. Thus, the Nachrichten-Kaserne is still carried as quartering the 63d Gds Mecz Regt of the 19th Gds Mecz Div. The low estimates of the number of troops in the installation are probably due to difficulties that resulted from intensified security measures. The gun described in paragraph 17 may have been a heavy model Maxim-M 1910 machine gun which is difficult to recognize from a large distance. It could have also been a new type AT weapon similar to the bazooka.



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